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LCO No. 2639

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE GOVERNANCE OF THE CITIZEN'S ETHICS ADVISORY BOARD.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 1-80 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2009*):

4 (b) All members shall be electors of the state. No member shall be a
5 state employee. No member or employee of such board shall (1) hold
6 or campaign for any public office; (2) have held public office or have
7 been a candidate for public office for a three-year period prior to
8 appointment; (3) hold office in any political party or political
9 committee or be a member of any organization or association
10 organized primarily for the purpose of influencing legislation or
11 decisions of public agencies; or (4) be an individual who is a registrant
12 as defined in subsection (q) of section 1-91. For the purposes of this
13 subsection, the term "public office" shall not include a justice of the
14 peace or a notary public.

15 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 1-80 of the general statutes is
16 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
17 *October 1, 2009*):

18 (a) There shall be an Office of State Ethics that shall be an
19 independent state agency and shall constitute a successor agency to the
20 State Ethics Commission, in accordance with the provisions of sections
21 4-38d and 4-39. Said office shall consist of an executive director,
22 general counsel, ethics enforcement officer and such other staff as
23 hired by the executive director. Within the Office of State Ethics, there
24 shall be the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board that shall consist of nine
25 members, appointed as follows: One member shall be appointed by the
26 speaker of the House of Representatives, one member by the president
27 pro tempore of the Senate, one member by the majority leader of the
28 Senate, one member by the minority leader of the Senate, one member
29 by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, one member by
30 the minority leader of the House of Representatives, and three
31 members by the Governor. Members of the board shall serve for four-
32 year terms which shall commence on October 1, 2005, except that
33 members first appointed shall have the following terms: The Governor
34 shall appoint two members for a term of three years and one member
35 for a term of four years; the majority leader of the House of
36 Representatives, minority leader of the House of Representatives and
37 the speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint one
38 member for a term of two years; the president pro tempore of the
39 Senate, the majority leader of the Senate and the minority leader of the
40 Senate shall each appoint one member for a term of four years. No
41 individual shall be appointed to more than one four-year term as a
42 member of the board, [provided, members] except one member
43 appointed by the Governor and one member appointed by the
44 president pro tempore of the Senate, whose terms shall commence on
45 October 1, 2009, shall each serve a single five-year term. Upon the
46 expiration of such members' five-year terms any subsequent
47 appointment to the board by said appointing authorities shall be for a
48 four-year term. Members may not continue in office once their term

49 has expired and members first appointed may not be reappointed. No
50 more than five members shall be members of the same political party.
51 The members appointed by the majority leader of the Senate and the
52 majority leader of the House of Representatives shall be selected from
53 a list of nominees proposed by a citizen group having an interest in
54 ethical government. The majority leader of the Senate and the majority
55 leader of the House of Representatives shall each determine the citizen
56 group from which each will accept such nominations. One member
57 appointed by the Governor shall be selected from a list of nominees
58 proposed by a citizen group having an interest in ethical government.
59 The Governor shall determine the citizen group from which the
60 Governor will accept such nominations.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	1-80(b)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	1-80(a)

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Statement of Purpose:

To allow justices of the peace and notaries public to serve on the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board and to stagger the member's terms.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]